



McKinney-Vento Sub-Grant Process

This opportunity is available for current subgrantees and **IDOE welcomes new school corporations to apply for McKinney-Vento grants to provide services for their students.** Each year, the SEA must make sub-grants to LEAs for the purpose of facilitating the enrollment, attendance, and success in school of homeless children and youth. These subgrants are competitive, awarded on the basis of need and quality of the application. Included in this section is a review of the requirements of the subgrant program described in Section 723 of the McKinney-Vento Act. Additionally, this section summarizes many years of good practice on the part of states that can guide both new and experienced state coordinators through a process of reviewing their program's current subgrant process against accepted good practice and enable them to make refinements as necessary.

An LEA's McKinney-Vento program is likely to be only as good as the process by which subgrants are awarded. As the state coordinator, you play a vital role in developing a process that enables subgrantees to link needs, goals, activities, and expenses and holds subgrantees accountable for implementing strong programs. This section includes discussions of appropriate lengths for the subgrant cycle, the size and number of awards, strategies for conducting the process and making awards, and subgrant oversight. An additional web link is provided to the NCHE Forum that features sample McKinney-Vento subgrant applications and other documents that states have shared, such as proposal review rubrics and training materials to prepare LEAs for the subgrant process.

McKinney-Vento subgrants must be awarded to LEAs in a timely way, namely, at the beginning of each school year for optimal program implementation. In planning the subgrant process, be sure to allow sufficient time for LEAs to develop their proposals and avoid times of the year when they are likely to be extraordinarily busy, such as during state assessments. Also, you should be aware of other discretionary grant processes taking place at the same time and select another time for the McKinney-Vento subgrant process. Small LEAs frequently have staff available on a nine-month contract, so they would not be able to effectively complete an application during the summer break. Other considerations for the timeline include:

- Technical assistance activities to familiarize LEAs with the application and proposal development process
- Training for proposal reviewers
- The proposal review process
- State processes for grant approval
- State processes for disbursing funds to awardees
- The award notification process F-7 State Coordinators' Handbook: The McKinney-Vento Subgrant Process

The state plan, which is on file with ED, should include a description of the state's subgrant process. If a state significantly changes the subgrant process, the state coordinator must notify the federal coordinator for the EHCY Program.

This Grant cycle is for 3 years. You will be providing documents for SY2016-2017, SY2017-2018 & SY2018-2019. Grant Application attached [here](#). Please keep following dates in mind.

- Grant Application posted on site: 04-15-2016
- Grant Completion & Submission Date: 5-15-2016
- Grant Review Period: 6-1-2016 to 6/15/2016
- Grant Announcement: 7-1-2016 to 7-30-2016
- CMS submission: 8/1/2016-8/30/2016

